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## **AMENDMENT**

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## Sir/Madam:

Responsive to the Official Action dated January 22, 2007, applicant amends the first paragraph under the heading "Detailed Description of the Illustrated Embodiment" on page 4 of the specification to fill in a blank that was inadvertently left in the second sentence, amends Claims 1, 5, 9, 15, 21, 24, and 25, and adds new Claims 26-31, as follows:

First paragraph under the heading "Detailed Description of the Illustrated Embodiment" on page 4 of the specification

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Although the game apparatus of the invention can be made with varying numbers of individual playing areas, the apparatus will generally be provided in two player models with two individual playing areas or in four player models with four individual playing areas. Figs. 1-11 show a two player model and Figs. 13-15 show a four player model. Further, with each model, a single large rebound surface can be provided so that different portions of the same rebound surface are divided into and included in the individual playing areas, or individual rebound surfaces can be provided for each individual playing area. The drawings show individual rebound surfaces for each playing area.